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1. The Tudeh Party has been charged with responsibility for the attempted assassination of the Shah of Iran, and the Iranian police state that they found papers on the assailant which proved that he was a Tudeh Party activist.
2. Although the Iranian Government has asserted that the attack was part of a widespread plot, it has produced no supporting evidence.
3. All Tudeh Party premises, clubs, and the Shulavar printing press are under military guard. Before the military took over, however, the Party's premises on Avenue Ferdowsi, including the Shulavar press, were visited by a group of (unidentified) men. It is not known whether the military subsequently found any other Party documents.
4. Various Tudeh Party leaders have been arrested; but others are now in hiding in Tehran, including Perekidun Keshavarz, Reza Radmanesh, and Ehsan Tabari, who are rumored to be hiding in the Soviet Embassy.
5. It was previously reported that more secret records of the Party were in the personal possession of Lorteza Yazdi and Keshavarz. The records in the possession of Keshavarz are now believed to have been destroyed, and it is not yet known whether any Party records were found on Yazdi, who is now under arrest.
6. The Iranian police have been ordered to arrest all members of the Firuz and Eskandari families.
7. On 7 February General Mohammad Saffari, Chief of Police, was arrested for an undisclosed reason.

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